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Prunier's Market

Secretary Jennifer Johnson
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
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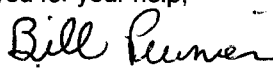
Dear Secretary Johnson

Our family purchased the grocery store in 1976 on the day my father retired from working 30 plus years at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Despite the weak economy in Bomoseen, we have always put our heart and soul into the business. Our parents passed away at the age of 87, about five years ago, but worked until then seven days a week helping us to build our business. You have to stay positive and look for any way that you can to keep the doors open in this economy, and this is just what we have done.

It seems everywhere we turn; we must pay some kind of new fee. We have debit and credit card fees, check fees and scale fees. This adds so much to the overhead that we need some relief. Money that we could recoup with lower swipe fees could mean less of a struggle to pay the bills during the slow season. We could also consider giving some raises to our deserving employees.

Through warehouse partnerships we have a group that is able to negotiate, to get us lower swipe fees. This has helped but these fees are still not where they should be. I urge you to implement the ruling to cap debit card interchange fees to help businesses across America.

Thank you for your help,


Bill Prunier